

Thursday, 30 October 2008



# Journal

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Thursday, 30 October 2008

#### Security Council

10 a.m. 6007th meeting

Security  
Council  
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

Morning<sup>1</sup> 6008th meeting

Security  
Council  
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East  
Eighth semi-annual report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the Implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) (S/2008/654)

Morning<sup>2</sup> Consultations of the whole (closed)  
Middle East (Lebanon) (S/2008/654)  
Other matters

Consultations  
Room

<sup>1</sup>To be held following the adjournment of the 6007th meeting.

<sup>2</sup>To be held following the adjournment of the 6008th meeting.

#### Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. 209th meeting (closed)

Conference  
Room 6

#### General Assembly

Sixty-third session

#### Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

9–9.15 a.m.

Trusteeship  
Council Chamber

Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly

9.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Trusteeship  
Council Chamber

#### Panel discussion I

Presentations by: Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India), and Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan); and exchange of views

3–5.45 p.m.

Trusteeship  
Council Chamber

#### Panel discussion II

Presentations by: Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador), Prof. Calestous Juma (Kenya), and Dr. François Houtart (Belgium); and exchange of views

5.45–6 p.m.

Trusteeship  
Council Chamber

Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly

(continued overleaf)



**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

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| 10 a.m. . . . . | 34th plenary meeting. . . . .                                                                                                           | General Assembly Hall |
| 1.              | Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Second report of the General Committee (A/63/250/Add.1) . . . . . | [7]                   |
| 2.              | Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . .                                                                                  | [66]                  |
|                 | (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/63/4)                                                                               |                       |
|                 | (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/229)                                                                                          |                       |
| 3.              | Report of the International Criminal Court . . . . .                                                                                    | [69]                  |
|                 | (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/323)                                                                                            |                       |
|                 | (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/471)                                                                                          |                       |

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held *today*, 30 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

**Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)**

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). Part 1 of the revised draft outcome document has been issued and is available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <[www.un.org/esa/ffd/](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/)>. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

**Main Committees****First Committee**

3–6 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12\*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7\*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16\*, A/C.1/63/L.17\*, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31\*, A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39\*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43\*, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57\* and A/C.1/63/L.58\*); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27\* (Supp. 27), A/63/42\* (Supp. 42), A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3\*\*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1\*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.4, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.5\*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.6 and A/C.1/63/CRP.4/Rev.1]

[Note: The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <[www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63\\_session\\_side\\_events.pdf](http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf)>.]

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee  
(Fourth Committee)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East  
(A/63/13, A/63/375, A/63/315, A/63/269 and A/63/317) . . . . . [29]

*General debate*

[Note: The Web site of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is now accessible for delegations at <<https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>>. The username is the same as that for e-Meets and passwords are also the same but with the addition of a zero at the end. For queries and comments regarding the Web site, please contact Mr. Dino Del-Vasto (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; e-mail [del-vasto@un.org](mailto:del-vasto@un.org)); or Mr. John Pabon (tel. 1 (917) 367-3449; e-mail [pabon@un.org](mailto:pabon@un.org)).]

**Third Committee**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1
1. Advancement of women . . . . . [56 (a)]  
*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.15/Rev.1*
  2. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614, A/63/281-S/2008/431 and A/C.3/63/5). . . . . [64]
    - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367, A/63/486, A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290\*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)
    - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341, A/63/326 and A/C.3/63/4)
    - (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)  
*Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion*

**Fifth Committee**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Information and communication technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/487, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/62/806 and A/63/496))
- 3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

**Sixth Committee**

- 3–6 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4
- Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]
- [Note: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

## General Assembly

### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

|                   |                            |                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting             | Conference Room 10 |
| 3–6 p.m.          | Closed meeting             | Conference Room 10 |
|                   | Special political missions |                    |

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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### General Assembly

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community (under agenda item 114 (j)) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room E |
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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on foreign policy and global health (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)**

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| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |
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### Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Effects of atomic radiation” (agenda item 27) (convened by the delegation of Canada)**

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| 2.45–5 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room A |
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### Second Committee

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

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| 9–10 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room B |
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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)**

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| 1.30–2.45 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room B |
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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)**

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| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room B |
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**Third Committee**

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)**

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (under agenda item 58) convened by the delegation of Portugal)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

### **Other meetings**

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**Thursday, 30 October 2008**

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

**Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

**Group of the Landlocked Developing Countries (at the expert level)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-770

**OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

**Rio Group (Fifth Committee experts, with the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) Liaison Office)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on the draft resolution on terrorism)**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

## Other activities

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**Thursday, 30 October 2008**

### **DPI/NGO briefing entitled “Disarmament: Old questions, fresh answers”**

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail [section1d@un.org](mailto:section1d@un.org)).]

### **Discussion on “Changing nature of conflict: Are children well protected under international humanitarian law?” (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC))**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All Member States and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Fernando Falcon (tel. 1 (917) 367-8234; e-mail [falcon@un.org](mailto:falcon@un.org); or Mr. Luca Solimeo (tel. 1 (917) 367-3563; e-mail [solimeo@un.org](mailto:solimeo@un.org)).]

### **UNU briefing on “An interactive dialogue on UNU New York programs: Present and future” (organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York)**

From 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit [www.ony.unu.edu](http://www.ony.unu.edu); or contact Ms. Dini Silveira, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail [dini@ony.unu.edu](mailto:dini@ony.unu.edu)).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <[www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm](http://www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm)>.*

**Thursday, 30 October 2008**

#### **Room S-226**

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| 11 a.m. . . . .   | H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev, Permanent Representative of Ukraine (on the initiatives introduced by Ukraine to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly)            |
| 12 noon . . . . . | Press briefing by the Spokesperson                                                                                                                                    |
| 1 p.m. . . . .    | H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the General Assembly; with other speakers (on the General Assembly Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis) |

**General Assembly**

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**Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <[www.un.org/esa/ffd](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd)>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

**Forthcoming official meetings****Security Council****Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism**  
Informal briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED on Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to interested Member States.

## General Assembly

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### Main Committees

#### First Committee

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail [leong@un.org](mailto:leong@un.org))).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

#### Second Committee

##### *List of speakers*

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail [lois@un.org](mailto:lois@un.org))).

##### *Composition of delegations*

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

##### *Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations*

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail [thompsonm@un.org](mailto:thompsonm@un.org))).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at [www.un.org/ga/second/](http://www.un.org/ga/second/).

#### Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

##### *Monday, 3 November 2008*

##### *10 a.m.*

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail [beteta@un.org](mailto:beteta@un.org)).

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

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## **Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold its 14th meeting on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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## **General Assembly**

### **Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

The 240th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail [sinhal@un.org](mailto:sinhal@un.org)). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail [sinhal@un.org](mailto:sinhal@un.org)) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities****Conference of States Parties****First session**

The first session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Monday, 3 November. The documents for the Conference are CRPD/CSP/2008/1, CRPD/CSP/2008/1/Add.1, CRPD/CSP/2008/2 and CRPD/CSP/2008/3.

*Quorum*

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 41 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 27 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

*Credentials*

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914). Further information may be found at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crpd/crpd1.htm>.

**Economic and Social Council****United Nations Children's Fund****Executive Board**

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the strategic framework for collaborative relationships and partnerships, on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

**Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations***General Assembly*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on foreign policy and global health (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.*

**Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (under agenda item 114 (l)) (convened by the delegation of Namibia)**

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.*

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***Second Committee***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international strategy for disaster reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;*

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable economic development and international cooperation (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50 (convened by the delegation of Italy)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution of International cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)**

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)**

*Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

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**Third Committee**

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;*

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution “New International Humanitarian Order” (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Jordan)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room 1.*

**Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;*

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and*

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity” (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly” (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance” (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem” (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;*

*Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and*

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Protection of migrants” (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C; and*

*Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Trafficking in women and girls” (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.*

**Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)**

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and*

*Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.*

**Other forthcoming meetings**

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**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.*

**United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009) (open to all interested delegations)**

*Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

**Forthcoming other activities**

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**Panel discussion on the African Union-International IDEA Joint Activity Plan in support of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union)**

*Friday, 31 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pomerantz (tel. 1 (212) 286-1084; e-mail [j.pomerantz@idea.int](mailto:j.pomerantz@idea.int)).]

**Briefing on "Global mapping innovation for renewable energy resources" (organized by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the International Solar Energy Society (ISES))**

*Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy, ISES (e-mail [isesny@gmail.com](mailto:isesny@gmail.com)).]

**Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)**

*Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilhoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail [ahouilhoua@un.org](mailto:ahouilhoua@un.org)).]

**OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties**

*Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m.; and*

*Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

[To register for this seminar, please visit [www.unitar.org](http://www.unitar.org). For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail [koschel@un.org](mailto:koschel@un.org)).]

**Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters****Economic and Social Council****United Nations Forum on Forests****Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework**

United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at [www.un.org/esa/forests/](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/).

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## Announcements

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### United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

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### Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail [jagwanth@un.org](mailto:jagwanth@un.org) or [williams-carter@un.org](mailto:williams-carter@un.org); fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive).

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### Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site [www.un.org/disarmament](http://www.un.org/disarmament). For further information, please e-mail [UNODA-web@un.org](mailto:UNODA-web@un.org).

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### General Assembly

#### Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

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### Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at [treaties.un.org](http://treaties.un.org). The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

**Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development**

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail [halka@un.org](mailto:halka@un.org)); or visit [www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/).

**Security Council****Web site of the presidency**

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at [www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp](http://www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp).

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council [www.un.org/Docs/sc](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

**Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations***

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <[www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp](http://www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp)> and <[www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp](http://www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp)>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at [journal@un.org](mailto:journal@un.org).]

**Summary of official meetings**

**Wednesday, 29 October 2008**

**Security Council**

6004th meeting

*The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

*Letter dated 8 October 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant rule of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/672 which had been submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/672) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/672) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1842 (2008).*

6005th meeting

*Women and peace and security*

*Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2008/622)*

*Letter dated 15 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/655)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Congo, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Norway, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, and the United Arab Emirates, at their request, to participate in the

consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; Mr. Alain Le Roy, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; and Ms. Inés Alberdi, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Sarah Taylor, Coordinator of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

The Council heard statements by Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Mr. Alain Le Roy and Ms. Inés Alberdi.

The Council heard a statement by Ms. Sarah Taylor.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States, Italy, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, South Africa, Panama, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Costa Rica and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard a statement by the Deputy Head of the President's Administration of the Republic of Belarus, H.E. Ms. Natalya Petkevich.

The Council also heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines and Liechtenstein.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Denmark and Tonga, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Pursuant to a request contained in a letter dated 29 October 2008 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Ms. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandriamanana, Permanent Observer of the African Union.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Ghana, Austria, Japan, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Germany, the Congo, Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Swaziland, Israel, Iceland, Afghanistan, Kenya, Argentina, Portugal, Morocco, Sweden, Uganda, Chile, Norway, Colombia, Finland, Myanmar, Rwanda and Denmark.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandriamanana.

The Council also heard statements by the representatives of Tonga and the Republic of Korea.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/39).

*The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/40).

## General Assembly

### Sixty-third session

#### 33rd plenary meeting

*Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba* . . . . . [19]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/93)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/63/L.4)*

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to close the list of speakers in the debate on this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mexico, Viet Nam, the Sudan, South Africa, China, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, the Russian Federation, Angola, Zambia, the United States, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and by H.E. Mr. Seif Ali Iddi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.4.

By 185 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.4 (resolution 63/7).

Statements in explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Brazil (on behalf of the Southern Common Market), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Indonesia, Myanmar, Belarus, Ecuador, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway and Uganda.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 19.

## General Committee

#### 3rd meeting (closed)

The summary of the 3rd meeting (closed) of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/213).

## Main Committees

### First Committee

#### 20th meeting

The summary of the 20th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/213).

### Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)* . . . . . [29]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commissioner-General for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) made a statement.

A statement introducing the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (A/63/375) was made by the representative of Norway, in his capacity as the Rapporteur of the Working Group.

#### *General debate*

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the observer for Palestine, and by the representatives of Lebanon (on behalf of Arab Group), Cuba, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Qatar, Turkey, Viet Nam and Switzerland.

#### *Organization of work*

The Committee decided that the deadline for submission of draft proposals on agenda items 29 and 30 would be Monday, 3 November 2008, at 6 p.m.

### Second Committee

21st meeting *Globalization and interdependence* . . . . . [51]

- (a) *Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence*
- (b) *International migration and developments*
- (c) *Culture and development*
- (d) *Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption*
- (e) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA; the Assistant Director, Population Division, DESA; and the Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The Assistant Director, Population Division, DESA, responded to a question posed by the representative of Mexico.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio

Group), Bangladesh, China, the Sudan, India, the Russian Federation, Morocco and Malaysia.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

22nd meeting

*Globalization and interdependence* . . . . . [51]

- (a) *Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence*
- (b) *International migration and developments*
- (c) *Culture and development*
- (d) *Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption*
- (e) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Colombia, Peru, the Philippines, Guatemala, Algeria, Ecuador, Togo, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, Norway, Armenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Belarus and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Organization for Migration.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 51 as a whole.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

**Third Committee**

30th meeting

*Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

- (b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- (c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*
- (e) *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, the United States, Ethiopia, Serbia, Argentina, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Benin, Cyprus, Greece, Thailand, Cameroon, Cuba, Ukraine, Nigeria and Japan, as well as by the observers for the Holy See and Palestine.

*Right of reply*

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Eritrea, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Belarus, Turkey and China.

**Sixth Committee**

- 18th meeting . . . . . *Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session* . . . . . [75]  
 The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.  
 Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Nigeria, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, the United States, Slovenia, Israel, Lebanon, Japan, Greece, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Austria.  
 The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement introducing Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10).
- 19th meeting . . . . . *Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission* . . . . . [73]  
 The representative of Greece introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.10.  
*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session* . . . . . [75]  
 The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.  
 Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, France, Portugal, the Netherlands, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the Philippines, Belarus, the Republic of Korea, China, Argentina, Germany, Estonia, the Czech Republic and Italy.

## Corrigendum

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

**Main Committees****First Committee**

- 19th meeting . . . . . *Corrigendum* to the summary of the 19th meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/211, p. 22): The summary of the meeting *should* read as follows:  
 The Committee began its third stage of work, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".  
 The Chairperson made a statement.  
 Statements were made by the representatives of Mongolia, France, Mexico, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Mongolia ("Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status"), Mexico ("United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament (decision)") ("Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty") and the Islamic Republic of Iran ("Missiles").

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Indonesia, Israel, France (on behalf of the European Union), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.1 was adopted without a vote.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 157 to 4, with 5 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 159 to 5, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.5 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 134 to 3, with 32 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.15 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 110 to 50, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.16\* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 108 to 50, with 13 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.19 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 118 to 30, with 22 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.27 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 112 to 9, with 50 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.28 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.38 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 20 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.40 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 157 to 2, with 8 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.40, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.54 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 121 to 3, with 45 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.55 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 168 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.58\* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 163 to 4, with 6 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Colombia, Singapore, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Lithuania, Cuba, Israel, Brazil, Switzerland, Australia, Japan, Canada and France.

The Chairperson made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Sudan who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.38 adopted at the 19th meeting.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

### [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994*

*Accession: Burkina Faso (27 October 2008)<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup>Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

### **Convention on Cluster Munitions Dublin, 30 May 2008**

#### **Opening for signature**

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail [holbrook@un.org](mailto:holbrook@un.org)).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: [www.osloccm.no](http://www.osloccm.no).

## General information

### Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

#### *African States:*

Kenya

H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

#### *Asian States:*

Indonesia

H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

#### *Eastern European States:*

Romania

H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

#### *Latin American and Caribbean States:*

Brazil

H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

#### *Western European and other States:*

Ireland

H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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- A/63/508-S/2008/674 Item 13 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Identical letters dated 24 October 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- A/63/L.7 Item 114 (b) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization — China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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- A/C.2/63/L.8 Item 47 (a) — Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- A/C.2/63/L.9 Item 47 (b) — Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

#### Third Committee

- A/C.3/63/4 Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Letter dated 17 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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